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FCC TO ALLOW PRE-SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH VISITORS AT NEW L STREET HEADQUARTERS

Public and Press Expected to Be Welcomed for Next Open Meeting in July

WASHINGTON, June 8, 2022—The Federal Communications Commission today announced new visitor policies for FCC facilities starting tomorrow, June 9. Visitors who adhere to the FCC's facility security screening process and COVID-19 safety protocols will be allowed at FCC facilities if they have a scheduled meeting with FCC staff who will host and escort the guests. In addition, the FCC's next Open Meeting in July is expected to allow in-person media and public attendance for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Visitor Access – Visitors to FCC facilities will be required to have a pre-scheduled appointment with an FCC staff member who is then responsible for escorting that visitor. In addition, all visitors must self-assess their health for possible symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 48 hours using the CDC Facility Access Tool. If the FCC facility is in an area with *medium* or *high* COVID-19 community levels visitors will be required to either certify to having been vaccinated or provide a valid recent negative COVID-19 test result. Facilities in *high* COVID-19 community level areas will also require masks. More details are available from today's Public Notice: https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-updates-facility-policies-allow-scheduled-visitor-meetings. Additional information outlining how the press and public can attend the July Open Meeting will be provided at a later date.

Please note: Procedures for accessing FCC headquarters differ from those followed at the prior FCC Headquarters due to both COVID-19 safety protocols and the security protocols associated with the new facility.

The FCC created a new "Visiting FCC Facilities" page on FCC.gov. Please refer to https://www.fcc.gov/visit for more information on how to prepare for a visit to the Commission.

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